

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 05-12-13**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 12, 2005  
Commission Meeting: December 13, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Sprint Communications      N2005.11.168      (Scott)

On November 18, 2005, Sprint filed changes to its Montana PSC Price List No.

1. This filing proposes to make various housekeeping changes to assist in standardization and clarification. No current customers are impacted by the changes in this filing. Probable Motion: Approve the changes in Sprint's Montana Price List No. 1 in Docket No. N2005.11.168.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. MCI \$.99 paper billing fee – Discuss the information that has been gained and the consideration of this matter since the last time it was before the Commission, and get further direction. (12/13/05)
2. D2003.10.155, D2005.9.141, D2005.9.142, D2005.9.143 – Qwest, Mid-Rivers, Verizon, Range, Cable & Communications – Discuss and act on the three interconnection agreements and interconnection agreement amendment. (12/13/05)
3. D2003.12.170 – Western Montana Local Calling Coalition – Discuss the merits of a proposed stipulation filed in August between Ronan Telephone, Hot Springs Telephone, CenturyTel, and Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative.(12/13/05)
4. D2005.5.87 – NorthWestern Energy annual gas tracker – Discussion and action on NWE's motion to amend schedule, other matters as necessary. (12/13/05)
5. D2005.10.156 – MDU's natural gas conservation program – Discussion and action on MCC motion for reconsideration of interim order, other matters as necessary. (12/13/05)
6. D2003.4.49, D2004.4.45, D2004.5.69 – MDU's consolidated annual true-ups of monthly natural gas trackers – Discussion and action on MDU motion for protective order, other matters as necessary. (12/13/05)
7. D2004.10.168 – Miller Oil Company d/b/a The City Line propane gas tracker – Discuss and obtain direction on Miller Oil's new tracking mechanism. (12/13/05)
8. D2004.11.186 – NorthWestern Energy – Discuss and act on motion for reconsideration of NWE's application for automatic rate adjustment and tracking for taxes and fees. (12/13/05)
9. D2005.12.170 – NorthWestern Energy application for automatic rate adjustment and tracking for fees – Discuss application, determine whether rates applied for appear to be in error and determine whether to ask for comment. (12/13/05)
10. FERC EL05-124 – PPL Montana delivered price test filed with FERC – Discuss MCC's motion to reject delivered price test filing of for summary

disposition and to revoke market rate authorization and other matters related to FERC docket as necessary. (12/13/05)

11. **1:30 p.m.** – D2003.6.77/D2004.6.90 – NorthWestern Energy annual default supply cost recovery filings – Discuss staff recommendations and related policy and legal issues. (12/13/05)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Citizens Telecommunications      N2005.12.171      (Scott)

On November 30, 2005, Citizens Filed Advice Letter No. MT-05-08. The purpose of this filing is to simplify Citizens' line extension policy and make the tariff generally consistent throughout the Mountain West region. Citizens' is requesting that this filing become effective on December 30, 2005.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2005.12.169 – Miller Oil Company d/b/a The City Line – Monthly Propane Cost Tracking Adjustment

D2005.12.170 – NorthWestern Energy – 2006 Electric & Natural Gas Tax Tracker

N2005.12.171 – Citizens Telecommunications – Line Extension Charges